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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present case. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits. However, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a final Official Action, notice of allowance or an Action that closes prosecution, and is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) without a fee in light of the following information.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), the listed document was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. The listed document was identified by Applicants' undersigned representative in a computer-based search conducted on about August 17, 2002, after receipt of the first Official Action mailed from the P.T.O. on August 13, 2002. The listed document was thus identified less than three months before the filing of the present statement, and could not have been submitted before identification.

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